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SUBJ: COUNTRY PLAN PROPOSAL FOR FY 1978-79--BUREAU OF CULTURAL
AND EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. PAPUA NEW GUINEA GAINED INDEPENDENCE FROM AUSTRALIA ON
SEPT 16,1975. THE TRANSITION FROM COLONY TO INDEPENDENT
COUNTRY HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SMOOTH, WITH THE GPNG
APPEARING TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME THE MAJOR
CHALLENGE TO ITS INTERNAL SECURITY--SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS
IN BOUGAINVILLE AND PAPUA--WHILE STILL MAINTAINING ITS
DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

2. SEVERAL FACTORS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THESE SUCCESSES:

A. THE PRAGMATISM OF GPNG LEADERS, PARTICULARLY THEIR
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT WITH ONLY MINOR MODIFICATION THE
GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY LEFT BY THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION;

B. THE GOA'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM--US\$1.25 BILLION
THROUGH 1980--WHICH HAS PROVIDED FUNDS FOR THE GPNG TO
MAINTAIN GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES ESTABLISHED BY THE COLONIAL
ADMINISTRATION AND TO HIRE MIDDLE AND UPPER
LEVEL MANPOWER FROM ABROAD TO HELP RUN THE FORMER SYSTEM;

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C. THE ABSENCE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT BODY OF PUBLIC
OPINION IMPATIENT WITH DEMOCRACY;

D. CONTINUED HIGH PRICES ON THE WORLD MARKET FOR
LOCALLY GROWN CASH CROPS, PARTICULARLY COFFEE AND COCOA.

3. BUT CURRENT STABILITY COULD BE TRANSITORY. A

REDUCTION IN THE GOA'S ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM--NOW APPROXIMATELY FORTY PER CENT OF THE GPNG'S TOTAL BUDGET-- COULD HAVE A MOMENTOUS ADVERSE AFFECT ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS. THE EFFICACY OF THE INSTITUTIONS LEFT BY THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION ARE NOW BEING QUESTIONED BY THOUGHTFUL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BY ORDINARY CITIZENS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE SEVERAL VOCAL CRITICS OF THE CURRENT LEGAL SYSTEM WHO ADVOCATE A RETURN TO MORE TRADITIONAL FORMS OF JUSTICE. THE ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY IN SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO QUESTIONED BY SEVERAL, INCLUDING THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UPNG, WHO WANTS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND THEIR CURRICULUM ORIENTED MORE TOWARD PRACTICAL NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY. ALSO, THERE ARE SOME WHO BELIEVE THAT PNG GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES MUST BE ALTERED TO BETTER FIT THE NEEDS OF THIS DEVELOPING COUNTRY.

4. SOME OF THESE CHANGES MAY BE DESIRABLE, BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY ALL BE MADE WITHOUT DESTROYING THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC OF PNG'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. SUCH DESTRUCTION COULD AFFECT USG INTERESTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA, PARTICULARLY IF IT CREATES PUBLIC CONTROVERSY, SOCIETAL DISRUPTIONS AND BREAKDOWN OF LAW AND ORDER. USG STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN THE PACIFIC ARE SUPPORTED BY THE CONTINUATION OF THE GPNG'S POLITICAL UNITY AND STABILITY. USG ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA ARE BEST SERVED BY A STABLE POLITICAL CLIMATE AND GPNG RECEPTIVITY TO AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND INVESTMENT. ALL USG INTERESTS IN PNG ARE FURTHERED BY THE CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC, FUNCTIONING GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS.

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5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS, WHETHER UNDER THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS OR USIA'S AEGIS, CAN DIRECTLY AND SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GPNG'S FLEDGLING INSTITUTIONS.

LOCAL OPINION LEADERS ARE CONCENTRATED, AVAILABLE AND EAGER FOR CONTACT WITH AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES.

THEY HAVE QUESTIONS. OUR CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CAN PROVIDE SOME OF THE ANSWERS, AND BY SO DOING FURTHER USG INTERESTS IN THE LARGEST, AND POTENTIALY THE RICHEST, OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS.

6. THE SOLOMON ISLANDS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO BECOME AN INDEPENDENT NATION IN EARLY 1978. WE WILL NOT PREPARE A SEPARATE PROGRAM PROPOSAL ON THAT COUNTRY, SINCE OUR OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS THERE ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA. HOWEVER, WE ASK THE

DEPT TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE SOLOMON'S NEW STATUS, AND
TO BUDGET ACCORDINGLY.

7. SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR FY 1978 AND 1979
FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE SOLOMONS ISLANDS FOLLOW

A. GOAL NO. 1--PROMOTE CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
PAPUA NEW GUINEA/SOLOMON ISLANDS AND AMERICAN POLITICAL,
SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC LEADERS (03EA01).

1. PROJECT NO 1--ONE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT TO PNG OFFICIAL
TO STUDY AND TO OBSERVE ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE
UNITED STATES.

A. 1978--A-1; B-1; C-2

B. 1979--A-1; B-1; C-1
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2. PROJECT NO. 2--ONE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT FOR PNG
OFFICIAL TO STUDY FEDERAL-STATE RELATIONS IN THE U.S.

A. 1978--A-1; B-2; C-3

B. 1979--A-1; B-2; C-3

3. PROJECT NO. 3--ONE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT TO PNG
CULTURAL LEADER OR ARTIST.

A. 1978--A-1; B-2; C-2

B. 1979--A-1; B-2; C-3

4. PROJECT NO.4--ONE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT TO POLITICAL
AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADER IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

A. 1978--A-1; B-3; C-3

B. 1979--A-2; B-3; C-3

5. PROJECT NO. 5--TWO INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS TO PNG
POLITICAL LEADERS.

A. 1978--A-2; B-2; C-3

B. 1979--A-1; B-2; C-3

6. PROJECT NO. 6--ARRANGE FOR AN AMERICAN SPECIALIST TO LEAD
SEMINAR ON STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

7. PROJECT NO. 7--ONE GRANT TO PAUA NEW GUINEAN AND ONE GRANT TO SOLOMON ISLAND STUDENT LEADER TO PARTICIPATE IN APSL PROGRAM.

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B. GOAL NO. 2--HELP BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA/SOLOMON ISLANDS BY EXPOSING FOREIGN AUDIENCES TO AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTISTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO CAN IDENTIFY WITH ASPECTS OF MELANESIAN CULTURE (03ARTS01).

1. PROJECT NO. 1--PROVIDE GRANT FOR A GROUP OF AMERICAN SINGERS/DANCERS FROM AN AMERICAN POSSESSION IN THE PACIFIC TO PERFORM IN THE SOLOMONS AND IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA (AMOUNT OF GRANT TO EQUAL ONE AND ONE-HALF IV GRANTS).

A. 1978--A-1 1/2; B-1 1/2; C-1 1/2

B. 1979--A-1 1/2; B-2; C-2

2. ENCOURAGE AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTISTS IN AUSTRALIA TO PERFORM IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA UNDER EMBASSY AUSPICES.

C. GOAL NO. 3--PROMOTE CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA/SOLOMON ISLANDS (10EA91).

1. ONE GRANT TO PROMISING YOUNG PNG JOURNALIST TO ATTEND MULTI-REGIONAL JOURNALISM COURSE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY OR STANFORD UNIVERSITY--COST--\$7,000.

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A. 1978--A-1; B-1; C-1

B. 1979--A-1; B-1; C-1

2. SUPPORT PARTICIPATION BY ONE PAPUA NEW GUINEAN OR ONE SOLOMON ISLANDER IN JEFFERSON FELLOWS PROGRAM AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER--NO COST.

3. SUPPORT PARTICIPATION BY AT LEAST ONE PAPUA NEW GUINEAN OR SOLOMON ISLANDER IN PINA PROGRAM--NO COST.

D. GOAL NO. 4--CONDUCT PROGRAMS WHICH PROVIDE PAPUA NEW GUINEAN AND SOLOMON ISLAND EDUCATORS AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION (11YSS01).

1. ONE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEAN EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL.

A. 1978--A-1; B-1; C-1

B. 1979--A-1; B-1; C-1

2. ONE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT TO SOLOMON ISLAND EDUCATOR TO OBSERVE THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

A. 1978--A-1; B-1; C-1

B. 1979--A-1; B-1; C-1

3. ARRANGE FOR AMERICAN SPECIALIST TO CONDUCT SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF EDUCATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

E. GOAL NO. 5--PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEAN
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STUDENTS TO STUDY AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

1. PARTIAL STUDENT GRANT (EQUIVALENT TO ONE IVG).

A. 1978--A-1; B-2; C-3

B. 1979--A-1; B-2; C-3

2. ASSIST FIVE PNG STUDENTS AND THREE SOLOMON ISLAND STUDENTS TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE EAST-WEST CENTER --NO COST.

E. ENCOURAGE PNG AND SOLOMON ISLAND OFFICIALS TO ATTEND PROFESSIONAL COURSES AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER--NO COST.

4. ASSIST WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION'S GRANT TO A PNG STUDENT FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES--NO COST.

F. GOAL NO 6--SUPPORT TWO-WAY SPECIALIZED COACHING AND OLYMPIC SPORTS DEVELOPMENT EXCHANGES (IIIAP02).

PROVIDE PARTIAL SUPPORT FOR AN AMERICAN COACH OF BASKETBALL, TRACK AND FIELD OR BOXING TO CONDUCT SPORTS CLINIC IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA (EQUIVALENT TO ONE IVG).

A. 1978--A-1; B-1; C-1

B. 1979--A-1; B-1; C-1

8. TOTAL BUDGET REQUESTED AT THREE FUNDING LEVELS OUTLINED IN CP INSTRUCTIONS.

A. 1978-

I. MINIMUM....\$59,543
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II. INCREASE...\$82,388

III. OPTIMUM....\$100,664

B. 1979-

I. MINIMUM....\$59,543

II. INCREASE...\$84,672

III. OPTIMUM....\$102,953

9. AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE CPP WILL BE SENT TO THE DEPT IN THE NEXT AIR POUCH. HOWEVER, POUCH MIGHT BE DELAYED BY AIR CONTROLLERS' STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA. OLMSTED

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